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The Other's Inside

When the truths of science are widely disbelieved

We are left to define truth as what is perceived

In truth, though it may seem there is no truth anymore,

Truth is an ocean and we are the shore

When political correctness and the truth disagree

We are too often compromised in the name of liberty

In truth two points of view always apply

One is the truth and the other is a lie

If we let everything that divides us hold sway

Then the enemies of truth will return us to yesterday

In truth we must strive to move forward as one

Or we will have lost and they will have won

If we can maintain our courage as threats become known

Then our fears cannot rule us and our enemies will be overthrown

In truth there are two threats that abide

One is our enemies and the other's inside

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The Distance Between Us

How can we be so far apart
Having so much in common?
How can we be so far apart?
The distance between us will always divide us
Division and distance go hand in hand
But when the time is upon us
To solve the problems that weigh us down
Whose view will prevail then?

How can we be so far removed
From the observance of civility?
How can we be so far removed?
The distance between us will always divide us
Division and distance go hand in hand
But when the time is upon us
To find answers that make us whole
Whose truth will prevail then?

How can we be so far away
From where we can work things through together?
How can we be so far away?
The distance between us will always divide us
Division and distance go hand in hand
But when the time is upon us
To work through what divides us
Whose right will prevail then?

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Trickle Down

Now you would court old ideas again
And somehow there will be truth in the spin
Maybe when the tables are reversed again
We might realize that the losers never win
When you give to a few you take from all
The few will rise and the rest will fall
It doesn't much matter what you do or say
'Cause it won't change a thing

Now you would give to those who need it least
And somehow their goodwill will benefit everyone
Maybe when we're all invited to the feast
We might believe that a new day has begun
When you give to a few you take from all
The few will rise and the rest will fall
It doesn't much matter what you do or say
'Cause it won't change a thing

Now you would take from those who need the most
And somehow they're still supposed to carry on
Maybe when the fatal strokes are diagnosed
We might agree that conclusions could be drawn
When you give to a few you take from all
The few will rise and the rest will fall
It don't much matter what you say
'Cause it don't trickle down

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Forsaking The Dark Road

No one could have known that it would go this far
No one would have guessed that we could be where we are
You could say that justice is on the run
You could say the truth is just what's been spun
Everything depends on if we do what must be done

Forsaking the dark road into the future
Back to the truth and the light
Always believing that we can be better
And that we will be alright

No one could have known that wrongdoing would be so hard to miss
No one would have guessed that it could come to this
You could say there's evidence everywhere
You could say it's way past time to beware
Everything depends on if we even care

Forsaking the dark road into the future
Back to the truth and the light
Always believing that we can be better
And that we will be alright

No one could have known that pride would precede the fall
No one would have guessed that we could lose it all
You could say the danger is close at hand
You could say the line is drawn in the sand

Everything depends on if we take a stand

Forsaking the dark road into the future

Back to the truth and the light

Always believing that we can be better

And that we will be alright

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Whose Country Is This Anyway?

Whose congress is this anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
They're leanin' to the left and they're leanin' to the right
They're leanin' so far they're leanin' clean out of site
Whose congress is this anyway?

Whose lobbyists are these anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
They want to take from the poor and give to the rich
They're either rascals or scoundrels – I'm not sure which
Whose lobbyists are these anyway?

Whose government is this anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
If we the people is just a thing of the past
It'll all go downhill and it'll get there fast
Whose government is this anyway?

Whose country is this anyway?
I thought I knew but now I can't say
I see blue states here and red states there
I'm lookin' hard but I'm not seein' purple anywhere
Whose country is this anyway?

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It's My Country Too

Breaking down the rule of law
Trampling norms and conventions
Dismantling the government
It's plain to see those are your intentions

Disrespecting all that we stand for
Devaluing the truth with your lies
Disregarding all that we long for
With an arrogance you cannot disguise

We are the children of the future
It's my country too
It won't be up to you
What the future will be
We are the children of the future now
We've got some work to do
To get back to what is true
And what it means to be free

Your ignorance and foolish pride
Convince you that it's always about you
It's time for you to step aside
We'll get along just fine without you

We are the children of the future

It's my country too

It won't be up to you

What the future will be

We are the children of the future

We've got some work to do

To get back to what is true

And what it means to be free

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We Remember

We remember what the elders said

Serve the life force and honor the dead

Walk in silence

Live in harmony

Take good counsel from the bending tree

We are warriors

We must fight

We will not be afraid

We will avenge them

Their memory will never fade

Our children of sorrow

Our women of the sky

We are warriors

It is a good day to die

Now the thunder rules over the land

Now the mountains turn to sand

Now the darkness rules over the dawn

Now the buffalo is gone

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That Great Divide (Gridlock)

This is a fight with sinister forces
The stakes are high and we must prevail
If their side wins then all will be lost
Which is why we cannot fail
I won't be crossing that great divide in this lifetime
I won't be changing my stance on this anytime soon

We cannot yield an inch of ground here
We must insist that it goes our way
Every decision is a battle
For who will have the final say
I won't be crossing that great divide in this lifetime
I won't be changing my stance on this anytime soon

They say yes – well I say no then
Except if they should change their mind
And if they do – well I'll change mine then
Always look ahead and never behind
I won't be crossing that great divide in this lifetime
I won't be changing my stance on this anytime soon

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Political Rock

Which party do you tend to favor?
I like the ones with music and dance
On which issues do you never waver?
I let the wind blow and leave it to chance
I'm a political rock
I just don't get it
I left all that behind and I don't regret it
I read about it but I prefer to let it be

Whoa, sister, don't get romantic
He's just an image in someone's mind
Whoa, brother, don't get too pedantic
Even though he went to Harvard and he's so hard to find
He's a political rock
A stone foundation
A pillar of strength for our great nation
Worthy of our respect
And adoration, too

Plain speaking is just not the fashion
Political correctness has won the day
Oratory is losing its passion
No one really has that much to say
It's all political rock without the backbeat
It's all I can do to keep it upbeat

Let's party some more

Send all the deadbeats home

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The Country That I Knew

The country that I knew was fairer
Before the scourge of power and greed
There was a common bond among us
Before the fact that we disagreed
Meant that we must be enemies from now on

The country that I knew was merciful
The goodness of her people abided
But now I'm not so sure exactly what we stand for
And how the future will be decided
And by who

The country that I knew was trusting
Before the disinformation age
There was respect for one another
Before the hatred and the rage
And I wonder will it be this way from now on

The country that I knew was merciful
The goodness of her people abided
But now I'm not so sure exactly what we stand for
And how the future will be decided
And by who

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Succession

Succession is the key to understanding the order of all things
As the past yields to the future
And all the future brings
So the young will grow old
And so each new season holds some new promise
And so the night becomes day
There is no other way that it can be

The old yields to the new
That's just the way of it
Only a fool would believe he could somehow rise above it
Way leads on to way
And there is no more today when it's tomorrow
You cannot elect to ignore the effect of succession

I've carried my share of the load for a long while
I've fought the good fight many times
Always in my own style
You can take it from here
Don't give in to your fear
You'll do just fine
Now it's all up to you
So whatever you do
Do it big time

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Which Way We Go

Ill-informed decisions get you and me nowhere at all
This much confusion can't be good
Consequences are part of the bargain
This must be clearly understood
Regardless of what you intend
You reap what you sow in the end

All this commotion over whose side will win the day
The other side is always wrong
It's so divisive and so counterproductive
Everyone is so headstrong
What we have in common gets lost
We ignore this danger at our great cost

Compromises are preferable to doing nothing
At least there's something getting done
Insincerity and closed-minded points of view
Don't do much good for anyone
Who's to say which way we go?
Only after we've gone will we know

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The New Children

The campaigner-in-chief and his travelling road show
That reminds of the circus that comes into town
The carnival barkers indulge true believers
Until all eyes are fixed on the rambling clown
As he poisons the air with unceasing hatred
Fashioning straw men then dragging them down
And I wave goodbye to decency
And smile hello to a child

O the new children dance – I am young
All around their desire – I will live
In time with the pulse – I am strong
Of the ice and the fire – I can give
Painting the sky – Feel the change
With the colors of the sun – Seed of day
Freely they fly – Feel the change
As all become one – Know the way

The liar-in-chief and his translucent minions
Assaulting the truths on which all else depends
Their lies taking on a life of their own
Their deviant means justifying their ends
Obscuring the line between fact and fiction

Dividing us all into enemies and friends
And I wave goodbye to discourse
And smile hello to the rain

O the new children dance – I am young
All around their desire – I will live
In time with the pulse – I am strong
Of the ice and the fire – I can give
Painting the sky – Feel the change
With the colors of the sun – Seed of day
Freely they fly – Feel the change
As all become one – Know the way

The distracter-in-chief and his constant deflections
Spinning every new outrage on the grave of the last
Weaving a web of deceit and corruption
Forsaking our future for his ignoble past
Evading an accounting of any consequence
With nets of avoidance that are constantly cast
And I wave goodbye to governance
And smile hello to a dream

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Gerrymandering, Campaign Finance, Term Limits

A brand new government just like the old one
A whole new mandate but still the same one
It isn't so surprising since the outcome is a given thing
It's not at all surprising
We can never change things if no one sees the problem
We can never change things if no one tries

To the victors go the spoils of their royal plunder
While the fabric of our lives gets torn asunder
They are so above that they cannot know the common man
They believe they're so above that
We can never change things if no one sees the problem
We can never change things if no one tries

The power still resides in who stays the longest
Not in the wisest or in the strongest
It should be the ablest who decide on things that matter most
It should always be the ablest
We can never change things if no one sees the problem
We can never change things if no one tries

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We Are The People

Having the right to live with dignity should not be negotiable

How far we have come

And still so far to go

Having the right to enjoy clean water and air

Should never be sacrificed to corporate greed

The price is just too dear

We are the power

We are the people

We can change anything at all

When it gets down to it

We can see to it

That the good will rise and the bad will fall

Having the right to vote and have your voice be heard

Should never be compromised

And those who would take that right away are wrong

We are the power

We are the people

We can change anything at all

When it gets down to it

We can see to it

That the good will rise and the bad will fall

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Give And Take

It's the bills or the rent when all the money is spent

One or the other goes unpaid

These choices we make and these chances we take

Have consequences that need to be weighed

Decisions are sometimes difficult choices that we are forced to make

Nobody ever said it would be easy balancing the give and take

Remember that you must do all you can do

To make sure that your dreams do not fade

When your chances are slim and your future looks dim

You understand that the burden is on you

You may be born to your fate but it's never too late

To push the limits of what you can do

Decisions are sometimes difficult choices that we are forced to make

Nobody ever said it would be easy balancing the give and take

When life is unfair you must never despair

Of the dreams that will never come true

To endorse or condemn the us versus them

Is a position that cannot be spun

To convict or condone is a choice you will own

After all your pretensions are undone

Decisions are sometimes difficult choices that we are forced to make

Nobody ever said it would be easy balancing the give and take

So do not complain of your sorrow and pain

It will do you no good in the long run

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It's Just A Matter Of Time

When you swear an oath of loyalty
To the laws and customs that bind us
You are bound by your word to do all you can do
To put all this rancor behind us

When you swear an oath of fealty
To a web of lies and deceptions
You are bound to learn the truth of it all
And the truth will make no exceptions
It's just a matter of time

When you swear allegiance to a tribal worldview
You have lost your sense of direction
And when a wave of outrage breaks over you
There will be no chance for protection
It's just a matter of time

When a cold wind blows that wind somehow knows
Where defenses are the weakest
And a cold wind blows much colder for those
Whose prospects are the bleakest
It's just a matter of time

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Bring It Home

It's gonna be a mighty long time
Gettin' over all the damage that has been done
But never give up the fight
'Cause when it's over
What's wrong will have lost
And what's right will have won

We once were the shining city on the hill
With a promise to fulfill
We can make that promise still
Shine a light for the rest of the world to see
In the name of liberty
Now it's up to you and me
Bring it home

It's gonna be a mighty hard road
Gettin' back to where dignity and justice matter at all
But we know where we have to go
And that's anywhere decent people stand proud and tall

We once were the shining city on the hill
With a promise to fulfill
We can make that promise still
Shine a light for the rest of the world to see
In the name of liberty
Now it's up to you and me
Bring it home

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